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SUBJ: MOJSOV'S AFRICAN TRIP

1. DURING MEETING MAY 6 WITH CHARGE, DEPFONSEC MOJSOV REVIEWED IMPRESSIONS HE GAINED FROM RECENT FIVE-DAY TRIP TO EGYPT, SUDAN, AND ETHIOPIA. MOJSOV SAID HE OBSERVED THAT THE DANGER "REALLY IS GREAT, THE ATMOSPHERE IS VERY HEATED". HE SAID THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE "MUTUAL LACK OF CONFIDENCE" AND THAT ACCUSATIONS ARE BEING TOSSED ABOUT "WHICH ARE ALWAYS PSYCHOLOGICAL PREPARATIONS FOR GREATER DANGERS". HE STRESSED THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE "TO DE-ESCALATE THE EMOTIONS". HE SAID THE MAIN PROBLEM IN AFRICA RESULTS FROM TOO MUCH OUTSIDE INFLUENCE IN
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MANY OF THESE COUNTRIES, "NOT JUST FROM OUTSIDE THE CONTINENT BUT WITHIN AFRICA ITSELF WHERE THERE ARE MANY TENDENCIES TO DIVIDE COUNTRIES ALONG IDEOLOGICAL LINES" AND TO FUEL DISPUTES.

2. HE SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IS BASIC TO EACH COUNTRY'S POLICY AND THAT NO COUNTRY

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IS WILLING TO ACCEPT DISMEMBERMENT. HE SAID THE
ETHIOPIAN GOVT IS NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT DISMEMBERMENT AND
THAT "SOME ARAB STATES DO NOT RECOGNIZE THAT ETHIOPIA
SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO".

3. MOJSOV ALSO STATED THAT BOTH HE AND FONSEC MINIC
WERE PRESENT MAY 5 DURING MEETING OF PRESIDENCY CHAIRED
BY TITO WHICH WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO DISCUSSION OF
AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

4. COMMENT: YUGOSLAV PRESS WITHOUT PROVIDING DETAILS
GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO PRESIDENCY'S MEETING ON
AFRICA. ADDED TO LAST WEEK'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY NETO AND
ARRIVAL IN BELGRADE MAY 5 OF LIBYAN DELEGATION HEADED BY
JALLOUD, THIS IS A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE EXTREMELY
CONCERNED THAT DISPUTES INVOLVING ETHIOPIA AND ANGOLA
ARE CLOSE TO GETTING BTT OF HAND. MOJSOV IN DESCRIBING
HIS TRIP DID NOT INDICATE AT ALL THAT HE HAD RECEIVED
EVEN ONE FAINT HOPE THAT EITHER SITUATION COULD BE
AMICABLE RESOLVED.

5. MOJSOV STATED THAT AFRICA WAS ONE SUBJECT
YUGOSLAVS WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT
DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT. YORK

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